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Essential Air Service at

DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA IRON MOUNTAIN/LUDINGTON, MICHIGAN KEARNEY, NEBRASKA DOCKET OST-1995-697 – 15 DOCKET OST-1999-5175 – 19 DOCKET OST-1996-1715 – 11

under 49 U.S.C. 41731 et seq.

ORDER EXTENDING SUBSIDY RATES

Summary

By this order, the Department is extending the interim subsidy rates of Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd. (Great Lakes) at Dickinson, ND, Iron Mountain/Ludington, MI, and Kearney, NE.

Background

The Department selected Great Lakes to provide essential air service at Dickinson by Order 2000-5-24, at Iron Mountain/Ludington by Order 99-12-2, and at Kearney by Order 2000-5-5. The subsidy rates for Dickinson and Kearney expired March 31, 2002. Iron Mountain's subsidy rate expired November 30, 2001.

As a result of the September 11 terrorist attacks, the Department issued Order 2002-2-13, authorizing program-wide increased emergency subsidy to carriers. In order for the carrier to continue to be paid for its services, we are extending the rates established in that order until further Department action.

This order is issued under authority assigned in 14 CFR 385.12(k)(5).

ACCORDINGLY,

- 1. The Department extends the interim subsidy rates of Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., for the provision of essential air service at Dickinson, North Dakota, Iron Mountain/Ludington, Michigan, and Kearney, Nebraska, as set forth in Order 2002-2-13, until further action. The final rates may be higher, lower or the same as the interim rates we are extending here; and
- 2. We will serve a copy of this order on Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.50, must file such petitions within ten days after the date of service of this order.

This order will be effective immediately, and the filing of a petition for review shall not preclude its effectiveness.

By:

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